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# The World runnes on VVheelles: Or Oddes, betwixt *Carts* and *Coaches*.



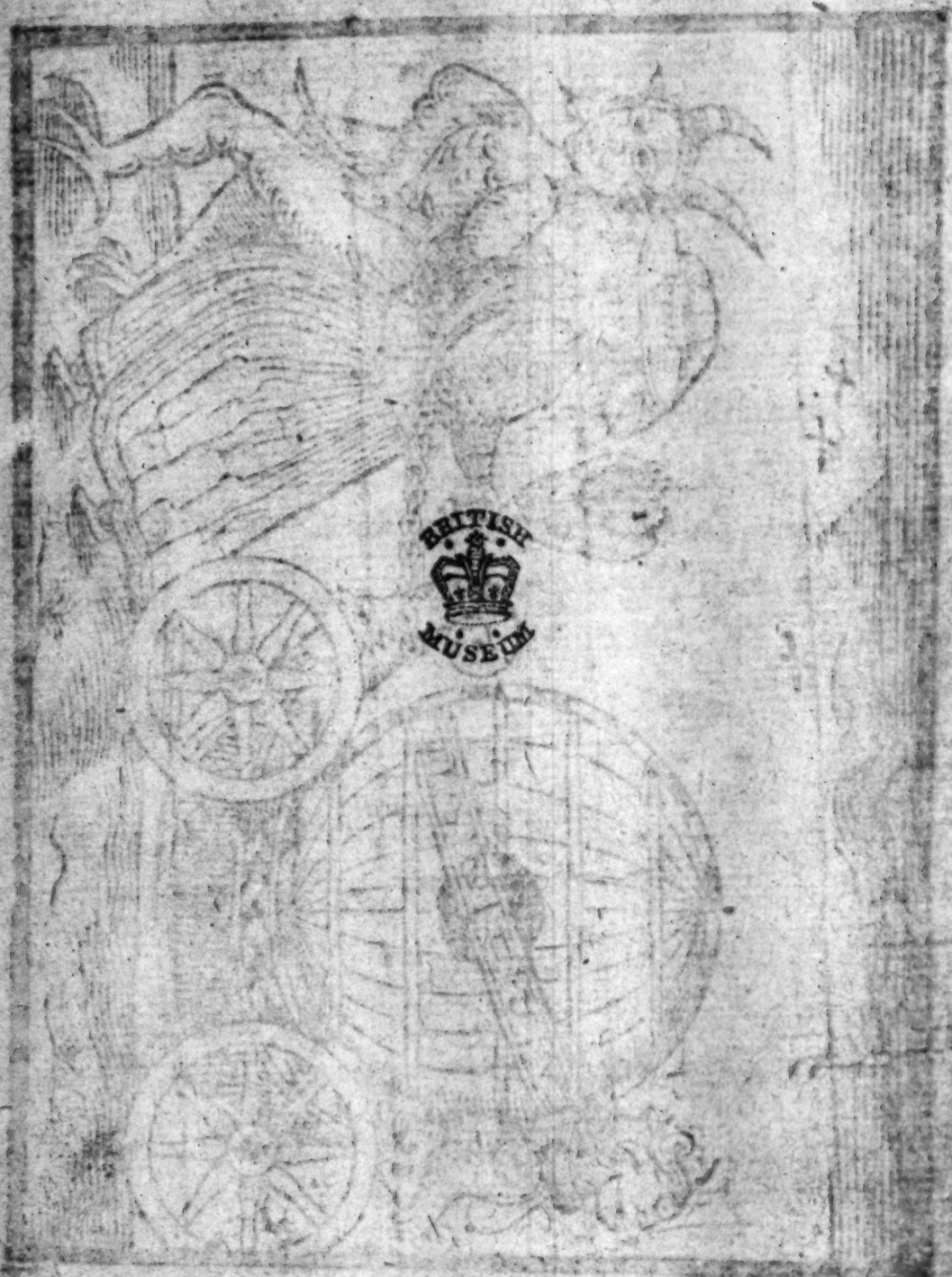
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# THE VVOYAGE

ON THE  
COASTS OF THE EAST INDIES



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To the noble Company of  
Cordwainers, the worshipfull Company  
of Sadlers & Woodmongers ; To the worthy, honest  
and lawdable Company of Water-men, And to  
the Sacred Society of Hackney-men, And  
finally, to as many as are grieved,  
and vniustly impouerished,  
and molested, with The  
Worlds Running on  
Wharles.

Gentlemen and Yeomen, mar-  
uell not that I writ this Pamphlet  
in Prose now, hauing before times  
set forth so many Bookes in verse ;  
The First Reason that mooued me to write  
thus, was because I was Lame, and durst  
not write Verses for feare they should be in-  
fected with my Griefe, & be lame too. The  
Second Reason is, because that I finde no  
good rime for a Coach but Broach, Roach  
Encroach, or such like : And you knowe  
that the Coach hath ouer-throwne the good

## The Epistle Dedicatorie.

Use of the Broach & Broch-turner, turning  
the one to Rackes and the other to Lackes,  
quite through the Kingdome: The Roach  
is a drie Fish, much like the vnprofitable  
profit of a Coach: It will cost more the dres-  
sing and Appurtinances then 'tis worth: For  
the word Encroach I thinke that best befits  
it, for I thinke neuer such an impudent, proud  
saucie Intruder or Encroacher came into  
the world as a Coach is: for it hath driuen  
many honest Families out of their Houses,  
many Knights to Beggars, Corporations to  
pouerty, Almesdeedes to all misdeedes, Hos-  
pitality to extortion, Plenty to famine, Hu-  
mility to pride, Compassion to oppression, and  
all Earthly goodnes almost to an vtter con-  
fusion.

These haue beene the causes why I writ  
this Booke in Prose, and Dedicated it to all  
your good Companies, knowing that you  
haue borne a heauy share in the Calamitie  
which these hyred Hackney bell-Carts haue

put



## The Epistle Dedicatory.

put this Common-wealth vnto : For in all my whole Discourse, I doe not enueigh against any Coaches that belong to Persons of worth or qualitie, but onely against the Catterpillar swarme of hyrelings ; they haue vndone my poore Trade, whereof I am a Member, and though I looke for no reformation, yet I expect the benefit of an old Prouerbe (Giue the loosers leaue to speake:) I haue Imbroadered it with mirth, Quilted it with materiall stuffe, Lac'd it with similitudes; Sowed it with comparisons, and in a word, so playd the Taylor with it, that I thinke it will fitte the wearing of any honest mans Reading, Attention, and Liking : But howsoeuer, I leaue both it and my selfe to remayne

Yours as you  
are mine :

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but this Common-wealth mine : For in all  
 my whole Discomf. I do not enough a-  
 gainst my Coaches now belong to Perform  
 of words or deeds, but only against the  
 Catterpillar swarmes of things; they have  
 ravine my poore Trade, whereof I am a  
 Member, and though I look for no reforma-  
 tion, yet I expect the benefit of an old Pro-  
 verbe (Give the looters leave to speake :)  
 I have imbrowded it with words, Quilted  
 it with needless stuffe, Laid it with sum-  
 mers; Soord it with comparisons, and in  
 a word, so playd the Taylor with it, that I  
 thinke it will fitt the wearing of any bodys  
 weare. Nothing, Attention, and Liking : But  
 hereafter, I leave both it and my selfe to  
 the same

Yours as you

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# The VVorldrunnes on Wheelles.



What a Murraine, what piece of work  
haue we here? *The WORLD runs  
a Wheelles?* On my Conscience my  
Ourg-cart will be most vnfauiourly  
offended with it: I haue heard the  
wordes often. *The World runs on  
Wheelles*; what, like *Pomphees Bridge at Ostend*? The  
great *Gridyron in Christ-church*, The Landships of  
*China*, or the new found Instrument that goes by  
winding vplike a *Lacke*, that a Gentleman entreated  
a *Musitian* to Rolt him *Se. e vers Round* vpon it?  
Ha! how can you make this good Master Poet? I  
haue heard that the *World* stands stock still, & neuer  
stirres, but at an Earth-quake; and then it trembles  
at the wickednes of the Inhabitants, and like an olde  
Mother groaues vnder the misery of her yngracious  
Children: well, I will buy this volume of inuention  
for my Boyes to read at home, in an Evening, when  
they come from Schoole, there may be some good-  
nes in it: I promise you truly I haue found in  
some of these Bookes very shrewd Items; yea, and

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by your leaue, somewhat is found in them now and then, which the wisest of vs all may be the better for: though you call them Pamphlets, to tell you true, I like embetter that are plaine and merrily written to a good intent, then those who are purposely stuffed and studyed, to deceiue the world, & vndo a Countrey, That tells vs of Proiects beyond the Moone, of Golden Mines, of Deuices to make the *Thames* run on the North side of *London* (which may very easily be done, by remouing *London* to the *Banke-side*) of planting the Ile of *Dogs* with *Whiblines*, *Corwbichets*, *Mushromes* & *Tobacco*. Tut I like none of these, Let me see, as I take it, it is an inuectiue against *Coaches*, or a prooffe or tryall of the Antiquitie of *Carts* and *Coaches*. Tis so, and Gods blessing light on his heart that wrote it, for I thinke neuer since *Phaeton* brake his necke, neuer Land hath endured more trouble & molestation then this hath, by the continual rumbling of these vpstart 4. wheel'd Tortoyse, as you may perhaps find anone: For as concerning the Antiquity of the *Cart*, I think it beyond the limmits of Record or writing, Besides, it hath a Reference or allusion to the Motion of the *Heauens*, which turnes vpon the *Equinoctiall* Axeltree, the two wheelles being the *Arcticke* and *Antarticke* Poles. Moreover, though it be Poetically feygued, that the *Sunne* (whom I could haue called *Phæbus*, *Tytan*, *Apollo*, *Sall*, or *Hesperian*) is drawne by his foure hot and headstrong *Horses* (whose names as I take it are) *Eolus*, *Aethon*, *Phlegon*, and *Pyrois*. Yet doe I not finde that Triumphant, Refulgent extinguisher of darknes is *Coach'd*, but



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but that he is continually *Carted* through the twelve signes of the *Zodiacke*.

And if *Copernicus* his opinion were to be allowed, that the Firmament with the *Orbs* and *Planets* did stand ynmoueable, and that onely the Terrestriall Globe turnes round daily according to the motion of *Time*, yet could the World haue no resemblance of a foure-wheel'd *Coach*; but in all reason it must whirle round vpon but One Axeltree, like a two wheel'd *Cart*.

Nor can the searching eye, or most admirable Art of Astronomie, euer yet finde, that a *Coach* could attaine to that high exaltation of honour, as to be placed in the Firmament: It is apparently seene, that *Charles* his *Cart* (which we by custome call *Charles* his *Waine*) is most gloriously stellifide, where in the large Circumference of Heauen, it is a most vsefull & beneficiall Sea-marke (and sometimes a Land-marke too) guiding and directing in the right way, such as trauiell on *Neptunes* waylesse Bosome, and many which are often benighted in wilde and desert passages, as my selfe can witnesse vpon *Newmarket* heath, where if that good *Waine* had not *Carted* me to my Lodging, I & my Horse might haue wandred I know not whither.

Moreover, as *Man* is the most noblest of all Creatures, and all foure-footed *Beasts* are ordayned for his vse and seruice; so a *Cart* is the Embleme of a *Man*, and a *Coach* is the Figure of a *Beast*; For as *Man* hath two legges, a *Cart* hath two wheelles: The *Coach* being (in the like sense) the true resemblance  
of a

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of a *Beast*, by which is Parabollically demonstrated vnto vs, that as much as *Men* are superior to *Beasts*, so much are honest and needfull *Carts* more nobly to be regarded and esteemed, aboue needlesse, vpsstart, fantastieall, and Time-troubling *Coaches*.

And as necessities and things whose commodious vses cannot be wanted, are to be respected before Toyes and trifles (whose beginning is Folly, continuance Pride, and whose end is Ruine) I say as necessity is to be preferred before superfluity, so is the *Cart* before the *Coach*; For Stones, Timber, Corne, Wine, Beere, or any thing that wants life, there is a necessity they should be caried, because they are dead things and cannot goe on foot, which necessity the honest *Cart* doth supply: But the *Coach* like a superfluous Bable, or an yncharitable Mizer, doth sildome or neuer cary or help any dead or helpleffe thing; but on the contrary, it helps those that can help themselves (like *Scoggin* when he greazd the fat *Sow* on the Butt-end) and carries men and women, who are able to goe or run; Ergo the *Cart* is necessary, and the *Coach* superfluous.

Besides, I am verily perswaded, that the proudest Coxcombe that euer was ioltd in a *Coach*, will not be so impudent but will confesse, that humility is to be preferred before pride; which being granted, note the affability and lowlines of the *Cart*, and the pride and insolency of the *Coach*, For the *Carrman* humbly paces it on foot, as his *Beast* doth, whilst the *Coachman* is mounted (his fellow-horses & himself being all in a *Livery*) with as many varieties of Laces facings, loath



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Cloath and Colours as are in the *Rainebow*, like a Motion or Pageant rides in state, & loades the poore Beast, which the *Carman* doth not; and if the *Car-mens* horse be melancholly or dull with hard and heauy labour, then will he like a kinde Piper whistle him a fit of mirth, to any tune from about *Eela* to belowe *Gammeth*, of which generosity and courtesie your *Coachman* is altogether ignorant, for he neuer whistles, but all his musicke is to rap out an oath, or blurt out a curse against his *Teame*.

The word *Carmen* (as I finde it in the *Dictiona-rie*) doth signifie a Verse, or a Song, and betwixt *Carmen* and *Carmen*, there is some good correspondencie, for Versing, Singing, and Whistling, are all three Musicall, besides the *Carthorse* is a more learned beast than the *Coachhorse*, for scarce any *Coach-horse* in the world doth know any letter in the Book, when as euery *Carthorse* doth know the letter G. very vnderstandingly.

If Adultery or Fornication bee committed in a *Coach*, it may be grauely and discretely punished in a *Cart*, for as by this meanes the *Coach* may be a running Bawdy-house of abhominacion, so the *Cart* may, (and often is) the sober, modest, and ciuill pac'd Instrument of Reformation: so as the *Coach* may be vices infection, the *Cart* often is vices correction.

It was a time of famous memorable misery, when the *Danes* had tyrannicall insulting domination in this land: for the flauery of the *English* was so insupportable, that he must Plowe, Sowe, Reape, Thrash  
Winnow

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Winnow, Grinde, Sift, Leauen, Knead, and Bake,  
and the domineering *Dane* would doe nothing but  
sleepe, play, and eate the fruit of the English mans  
labour; which well may be alluded to the carefull  
*Cart*; for let it plough, carrie & recarrie, early or late,  
all times & weathers, yet the hungry *Coach* gnawes  
him to the very bones: Oh beware of a *Coach* as  
you would doe of a *Tyger*, a *Woolfe*, or a *Leuiathan*,  
Ple assure you it eates more (though it drinckes lesse)  
then the Coachman and his whole Teeme, it hath  
a mouth gaping on each side like a monster, with  
which they haue swallowed all the good housekee-  
ping in *England*: It lately (like a most insatiable de-  
uouring beast) did eate vp a Knight, a neighbour of  
mine, in the County of N. a Wood of aboue 400.  
Akers, as if it had beene but a bunch of Radish: of  
another, it deuoured a whole Castle, as it had beene  
a Matchpane; scarcely allowing the Knight and his  
Lady halfe a colde shoulder of Mutton to their sup-  
pers on a Thursday night; out of which reuerfion  
the Coachman and the Footeman could picke but  
hungry Vailes: in another place (passing through  
a Parke) it could not be content to eate vp all the  
*Deere*, and other grazing Cattell, but it bit vp all the  
*Oakes* that stoode bareheaded, there to doe homage  
to their Lord and Maister euer since the conquest,  
crushing their olde sides as easily as one of our fine  
Dames (with a poysoned breath) will snap a Gina-  
mon stick; or with as much facility as a Bawde will  
eate a Pippin Tate, or swallow a stewed Pruine.

For (what call you the Towne) where the great  
Oyster



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Oysters come from there it hath eaten vp a Church, Chauncell, Steeple, Bells and all, and it threatens a great Common that lyes neere, which in *diebus illis* hath relieued thousands of poore people; nay, so hungry it is, that it will scarcely endure, in a Gentlemans house, a poore neighbours childe so much as to turne a Spit; nor a Yeomans sonne to enter the house, though but in good will to the Chambermaide, who anciently from 16. to 36. was went to haue his breeding either in the Buttry, Celler, Stable, or Larder, and to bid good man *Hobs*, goodwife *Grub*, or the youth of the parish welcome at a Chrismasse time; but those dayes are gone, and their fellowes are neuer like to be seene about any of our top-gallant-houses. There was a Knight (an acquaintance of mine) whose whole meanes in the world was but threescore pounds a yeare, and about 20. of the same went for his Wiues *Coach-hire*; now (perhaps) you shall haue an Irish Footman with a Jacket cudgell'd downe the shoulders and skirts, with yellow or Orenge tawny Lace, may trot from London 3. or 4. score miles to one of those decayed Mansions, when the simpring scornfull *Pusse*, the supposed Mistresse of the house (with a mischiefe) who is (indeed) a kinde of creature retired for a while into the Countrey to escape the whip in the Citie) she demaunds out of the window scarce ready, and dressing her selfe in a glasse at noone: Fellow what is thine Errand, hast thou letters to me? and if it be about dinner, a man may sooner blow vp the Gates of *Bergen ap Zome*, with a Charme then get entrance,

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trance, within the bounds of their Barr'd, Bolted, and Barracadoed Wicket: About 2. a Clocke, it may be after walking an houre or twaine, Sir Sellall comes downe, vntrust with a Pipe of Tobacco in his fist to know your businesse, hauing first peeped through a broken pane of Glasse, to see whether you come to demandaund any money, or olde debt, or not, when after a few hollow dry complements (without drinke) he turnes you out at the gate, his worship returning to his Stove: What Townes are layde waste? what fields lye vntilled? what goodly houses are turn'd to the habitations of *Howlets*, *Dawes*, and *Hobgoblins*? what numbers of poore are encreased? yea examine this last yeare but the Register bookes of burials, of our greatest Townes and Parishes of the land, as *Wimondham* in *Norfolke*; *White Chappell* neere *London*, and many other, and see how many haue beene buried weekly, that haue meereley perished for want of bread; whilst Pride and Luxurie dam vp our streetes, Barracado our high wayes, and are ready euen to driue ouer their Graues, whom their vnnmercifull Pride hath furnished.

Whence comes Leather to be so deare, but by reason (or as I should say against reason) of the multitude of Coaches, and Carroaches, who consume and take vp the best Hides that can be gotten in our Kingdome, insomuch that I cannot buy a payre of Bootes for my selfe vnder an Angell, nor my Wife a payre of Shooes (though her foote be vnder the seauenteenes) vnder eight groates or three shillings; by which meanes many honest Shoemakers are ri-



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their vndone, or vndoing, and infinite numbers of poore Christians, are enforced to goe barefooted in the colde Winters, till with very benumbednesse, some their toes, and some their feete are rotted off, to the numberlesse encrease of crooked Cripples, and wooden legg'd beggers, of which sort of miserable dismembred wretches, euery streete is plentifully stored with, to the scorne of other Nations, and the shame and obloquy of our owne.

The Saddlers (being an ancient, a worthy and a vsfull Company) they haue almost ouerthrowne the whole trade, to the vndoing of many honest Families; For whereas within our memories, our Nobility and Gentry would ride well mounted (and sometimes walke on foot) gallantly attended with three or foure score braue fellowes in blew coates, which was a glory to our Nation; and gaue more content to the beholders, then forty of your Leather Tumbrels: Then men preseru'd their bodies strong and able by walking, riding, and other manly exercises: then Sadlers were a good Trade, and the name of a Coach was Heathen-Greeke. Who euer saw (but vpon extraordinary occasions) Sir Philip Sidney, Sir Francis Drake, Sir Iohn Norris, Sir William Winter, Sir Roger Williams, or (whom I should haue nam'd first) the famous Lord Gray, and Willoughby, with the renowned George Earle of Cumberland, or Robert Earle of Essex: These sonnes of Mars, who in their times were the glorious Brooches of our Nation, and an admirable terrour to our Enemies: these I say did make small vse of Coaches, and there

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were two maine reasons for it, the one was that there were but few Coaches in most of their times: and the second reason is, they were deadly foes to all sloath and effeminacie: The like was Sir *Francis Vere*, with thousands others: but what should I talke further? this is the ratling, rowling, rumbling age, and *The World runnes on Wheelles*. The Hackney-men who were wont to haue furnished Trauellers in all places, with fitting and seruiceable Horses for any iourney, (by the multitude of Coaches) are vndone by the dozens, and the whole Commonwealth most abhominably laded, that in many places a man had as good to ride vpon a wodden Post, as to Post it vpon one of those poore hunger-staru'd hirelings: which enormity can be imputed to nothing, but the Coaches intrusion, is the Hackney-mans confusion.

Nor haue we poore Watermen the least cause to complaine against this infernall swarme of Trade-spillers, who like the *Grashoppers* or *Caterpillers* of *Egypt* haue so ouer-runne the land, that we can get no liuing vpon the water; for I dare truly affirme that euery day in any Tearme (especially if the Court be at *Whitehall*) they do rob vs of our liuings, and carry 560. fares daily from vs, which numbers of passengers were wont to supply our necessities, and enable vs sufficiently with meanes to doe our Prince and Countrey seruice: and all the whole fry of our famous Whores, whose ancient Lodgings were neere *S. Katherines*, the Bankside, *Lambeth Marsh*, *Westminster*, *White Friars*, *Coleharbar*, or any



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any other place neere the *Thames*, who were wont after they had any good Trading, or reasonable commings in, to take a Boate and ayre themselves vpon the water, yea (and by your leaue) be very liberall to, and I say as a Mercer said once, A Whores money is as good as a Ladies, and a Bawdes as current as a Midwiues: Tush those times are past, and our Hackney *Coaches* haue hurried all our Hackney customers quite out of our reach towards the North parts of the Citie, where they are daily practised in the Coach, that by often iolting they may the better endure the Cart vpon any occasion, and indeede many times a hired Coachman with a basket hilted blade hang'd or executed about his shoulders in a belt, (with a cloake of some pyde colour, with two or three change of Laces about) may man, a brace or a Leash of these curuetting Cockatrices to their places of recreation, and so saue them the charge of maintaining a Sir Pandarus or an Apple-squire, which seruice indeede to speake the truth, a Waterman is altogether vnfit for, and the worst is, most of them are such Loggerheads, that they either will not learne, but as I thinke would scorne to be taught: so that if the Sculler had not bene paide when hee was paide, it is to be doubted that he should neuer haue bene paide, for the Coachman hath gotten all the custome from the Scullers pay-Mistres.

This is one apparent reason, why all the Whores haue forsaken vs, and spend their Cash so free and frequent vpon those ingenious, well practiz'd, and seruiceable hired Coachmen: but (a Pox take em

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all) whither doth my wits runne after Whores and Knaues? I pray you but note the streetes, and the chambers or lodgings in *Fleetstreete*, or the *Strand*, how they are pesterd with them, especially after a Masque or a Play at the Court, where euen the very earth quakes and trembles, the Cazements shatter, tatter and clatter, and such a confused moyse is made, as if all the deuils in hell were at Barly-breake; so that a man can neither sleepe, speake, heare, write, or eate his dinner or supper quiet for them; besides, their tumbling din (like a counterfeit Thunder) doth sowre Wine, Ale and Beere most abominably, to the impairing of their healths that drinke it, and the making of many a Victualer and Tapster Trade-falne.

A Whelewright or a maker of Carts, is an ancient, a profitable, and a Trade, which by no meanes can be wanted; yet so poore it is, that scarce the best amongst them can hardly euer attaine to better then a Calueskin sute, or a piece of neck Beefe & Carret-roots to dinner on a Sunday; nor scarcely any of them is euer mounted to any Office about the degree of a Scauenger, or a Tything man at the most. On the contrary, your Coachmakers trade is the most gainefullest about the Towne, they are apparelled in Sattens and Veluets, are Maister of their Parish, Vestry men, who fare like the Emperours *Helioabalus*, or *Sardanapalus*, seldom without their Mackeroones, Parmisants, Jellies and Kickshawes, with baked Swannes, Patties hote, or cold red Deere Pyes, which they haue from their Debtors' worships

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in the Countrey: neither are these Coaches onely thus cumberfome by their Rumbling and Rutting, as they are by their standing still, and damming vp the streetes and lanes, as the *Blacke Friers*, and diuers other places can witnesse, and against Coach-makers dores the streetes are so pesterd and clogg'd with them, that neither Man, Horfe, or Cart can passe for them; in so much as my Lord *Maio*r is highly to be commended for his care in this restraint, sending in February last many of them to the Counter for their carelesnesse herein.

They haue beene the vniuersall decay of almost all the best Ash Trees in the Kingdome, for a young plant can no sooner peepe vp to any perfection, but presently it is felled for the Coach: Nor a young Horfe bred of any beauty or goodnesse, but he is ordained from his foaling for the seruice of the Coach; so that whereas in former ages, both in peace and warres, we might compare with any Nation in the world for the multitude and goodnes of our Horses: wee now thinke of no other imployment for them, then to draw in a Coach, and when they are either lamed by the negligence of the Coachman, or worne out after many yeares with trotting to Playes and Bawdy houses, then are they (like olde maymed Souldiers) after their wounds and scarres, preferd to Woundmongers, (where they are well Billited) or to Draymen, where they turne Tapsters, and draw Beere by whole Barrells, and Hogsheads at once; and there they weare out the Remainder of their dayes, till new harnes for others, are made of their olde skins.

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The last Proclamations concerning the Retiring of the Gentry out of the Citty into their Countreyes, although my selfe, with many thousands more were much impouerished and hindred of our Liuing by their departure; yet on the other side how it cleared the Streetes of these way-stopping Whirligiggs, for a man now might walke without being *stand vp boe*, by a fellow that scarcely can either goe or stand himselfe. Prince, Nobilitie, and Gentlemen of worth, Offices & Quality, haue herein their priuiledge, and are exempt, may ride as their occasions or pleasures shall indite them, as most meete they should; but when euery *Gill Turntripe*, *Mrs. Fumkins*, *Madame Polecat*, and my Lady *Trash*, *Froth* the Tapster, *Bill* the Taylor, *Lawender* the Broker, *Whiff* the Tobacco seller, with their companion Trugs, must be Coach'd to *S. Albones*, *Burntmoode*, *Hockley in the Hole*, *Croydon*, *Windsor*, *Uxbridge*, and many other places, like wilde Haggards prancing vp and downe, that what they get by cheating, swearing, and lying at home, they spend in Ryot, Whoring, and Drunkenesse abroade. I say by my hallidome, it is a burning shame; I did lately write a Pamphlet called a *Thiese*, wherein I did a little touch vpon this point; that seeing the Heard of Hireling Coaches are more then the Whirries on the Thames, and that they make Leather so excessive deere, that it were good the order in *Bohemia* were obserued here, which is, that euery hired Coach should be drawne with Ropes, and that all their Harnesse should be Hemp and Cordage: besides if the Couer and Bootes of them were of good

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Rosind or pitched Canuas, it would bring downe the price of Leather, and by that meanes a hired Coach would be knowne from a Princes, a Nohle mans, Ladies, or people of note, account, respect and quality.

And if it be but considered in the right *Kue*, a Coach or Carroach are meere Engines of Pride, (which no man can denie to be one of the seauen deadly sinnes) for two Leash of Oyster-wiues hired a Coach on a Thursday after Whitson tide, to carie them to the greene-Goose Faire at *Stratford the Bowe*, and as they were hurried betwixt *Algate* and *Mile-end*, they were so be-Madam'd, be-Mistrif, and Ladifide by the Beggars, that the foolish women began to swell with a proud supposition or Imaginary greatnesse, and gaue all their money to the mendicanting Canters; insomuch that they were feigne to pawne their Gownes and Smocks the next day to buy Oysters, or else their pride had made them Cry for want of what to Cry withall.

Thus much I can speake by experience; I doe partly know some of mine owne qualities, and I doe know that I doe hate pride, as I hate famine or sur-fetting; and moreouer, I know my selfe to be (at the best) but *Iohn Taylor*, and a mechanickall Waterman, yet it was but my chance once to be brought from *Whitehall* to the Tower in my Maister *Sir William Wnades* Coach, and before I had beene drawne twentie yards, such a Timpany of pride puffed me vp, that I was ready to burst with the winde Chollick of vaine glory. In what state I would leane ouer the Boote,

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and looke, and pry if I saw any of my acquaintance, and then I would stand vp, vaying my Bonnet, kissing my right clawe, extending my armes as I had beene swimming, with God saue your Lordship, Worship, or how doest thou honest neighbour or good-fellow? in a word, the Coach made me thinke my selfe better then my betters that went on foote, and that I was but little inferiour to *Tamberlaine*, being iolted thus in state by those pampered lades of *Belgia*: all men of indifferent iudgement will confesse, that a Cart is an instrument conformable to law, order, and discipline; for it rests on the Sabaoth dayes, and commonly all other Holy dayes, and if it should by any meanes breake or transgresse against any of these good Iniunctions, there are Informers that lye in ambush (like carefull Scowtes) to informe against the poore *Cart*, that in conclusion my Lady *Pecunia* must become surety and take vp the matter, or else there will be more stirre about the flesh then the Broath is worth: whereas (on the contrary) a *Coach* like a *Pagan*, an *Heathen*, an *Infidel*, or *Atheist*, obserues neither Sabaoth, or holiday, time or season, robustiously breaking through the toyle or net of deuine and humane law, order, and authority, and as it were contemning all Christian conformity; like a dogge that lyes on a heape of Hay, who will eate none of it himselfe, nor suffer any other beast to eate any: euen so the *Coach* is not capable of hearing what a Preacher saith, nor will it suffer men or women to heare that would heare, for it makes such a hideous rumbling in the Streetes by many Church  
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dores, that peoples eares are stop'd with the noyse, whereby they are debard of their edifying, which makes faith so fruitlesse, good workes so barren, and charity as cold at Midsommer, as if it were a great Frost, and by this meanes soules are rob'd and starued of their heeuenly Manna, and the Kingdome of darknesse replenished: to auoyd which, they haue set vp a crosse post in *Cheapside* on Sundayes neere *Woodstreet* end, which makes the Coaches rattle and jumble on the other side of the way further from the Church, and from hindering of their hearing.

The *Nagaians*, *Inghonians*, and the vngodly barbarous *Tartarians*, who knew no God or deuill, Heauen nor hell, and who indeede are Nations that haue neither Townes, Citties, Villages, or houses; Their habitations are nothing but *Coaches*: in their *Coaches* they eate, sleepe, beget children, who are also there borne, and borne from place to place, with them *the World runnes on Wheelles* continually, for they are drawne in Droues or Heardes 20. 30. or 40000. together, to any fruitfull place or Champion plaine, where they and their beasts doe stay till they haue deuoured all manner of sustenance that may maintaine life, and then they remoue to a fresh place doing the like; thus wearing out their accursed liues like the broode of *Caine*, they and their houses being perpetuall vagabonds, and continuall runnagates vpon the face of the earth. They are so practized and inured in all kinde of Barbarisme, that they will milke one Mare and let another blood, and the blood and the milke they will *Charne* together in

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in their Hats or Caps, till they haue made fresh Cheefe and Creame (which the deuill will scarce eate) from these people our Coaches had first originall, and I doe wish with all my heart that the superfluous number of all our hireling Hackney carriages, Knaues and *Hurrie-Whores*, with their makers and maintainers were there, where they might neuer want continuall imployment.

For their Antiquity in *England*, I thinke it is in the memory of many men when in the whole Kingdome, there was not one, and there was another principall vertue, as good as themselves came with them: for the Prouerbe saith, That mischiefe or mischances seldome come alone: and it is a doubtfull question, whether the deuill brought *Tobacco* into *England* in a *Coach*, or else brought a *Coach* in a fogge or mist of *Tobacco*.

For in the yeare 1564. one *William Boonen* a Dutchman brought first the vse of Coaches hither, and the said *Boonen* was *Queene Elizabeths* Coachman, for indeede a *Coach* was a strange Monster in those dayes, and the sight of them put both horse and man into amazement: some said it was a great Crab-shell brought out of *China*, and some imagin'd it to be one of the Pagan Temples, in which the Cannibals adored the deuill: but at last all those doubts were cleared, and Coach-making became a substantiall Trade: So that now all the world may see, they are as common as Whores, and may be hired as easie as Knights of the Post.

The Cart is an open transparent Engine, that any  
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man may perceiue the plaine honesty of it; there is no part of it within or without, but it is in the continuall view of all men: On the contrary, the Coach is a close hypocrite, for it hath a couer for any Knauery, and Curtaines to vaile or shadow any wickednesse: besides, like a perpetuall Cheater, it weares two Bootes and no Spurres, sometimes hauing two paire of legges in one Boote, and often times (against nature) most preposterously it makes faire Ladies weare the Boote; and if you note, they are carried backe to backe, like people surpriz'd by Pyrates, to be tyed in that miserable manner, and throwne ouer board into the Sea. Moreouer, it makes people imitate Sea Crabs, in being drawne side-ways, as they are when they sit in the boote of the Coach, and it is a dangerous kinde of Carriage for the Commonwealth, if it be rightly considered; for when a man shall be a Iustice of the Peace, a Sericant, or a Counsellour at Law; what hope is it that all or many of them should vse vpright dealing, that haue beene so often in their youth, and daily in their maturer or riper age, drawne aside continually in a *Coach*, some to the right hand, and some to the left, for vse makes perfectnesse, and often going aside willingly makes men forget to goe vpright naturally.

The order of Knighthood is both of great Antiquity and very honourable, yet within these later times there is a strange mysterie crept into it, for I haue noted it that when a Gentleman hath the sword laid vpon his shoulder, either by his Prince, or his Deputy or Generall in the field, although the blow  
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with the sword, be an honour to the man, yet (by a kinde of inspiration) it cripples his wife, though she be at that time 300. miles from her husband, for if you but note her, you shall see her lamed for euer, so that shee can by no meanes goe without leading vnder the arme, or else shee must be carried in a Coach all her life time after; forgetting in a manner to goe on her feete so much as to Church, though it bee but two Quoytes cast: for I haue heard of a Gentlewoman that was lamed in this manner, who sent her man to Smithfield from Charing-Crosse, to hire a Coach to carrie her to Whitehall; another did the like from Ludgate hill, to be carried to see a Play at the Blacke Friers: And in former times when they vsed to walke on foote, and recreate themselues, they were both strong and healthfull; now all their exercise is priuately to Sawe Billets, to hang in a Swinge, or to rowle the great Rowler in the Alleyes of their Garden, but to goe without leading, or Riding in a Coach is such an impeachment and derogation to their Calling, which flesh and blood can by no meanes endure.

Euery man knowes, that were it not for the Cart the Hay would Rot in the medowes, the Corne perish in the fields, the Markets be emptily furnished, at the Courts remoue the King would bee vnseru'd, and many a Gallant would bee enforced to bee his owne Sumpter-horse to carrie his luggage, bag and baggage himselfe; and finally, were it not for the mannerly and courteous seruice of the Cart, many a well



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well deseruing ill condition'd braue fellow might goe on foote to the gallowes.

A *Cart* (by the iudgement of an honourable and graue Lawyer) is elder brother to a *Coach* for antiquity; and for vtility and profit, all the world knows which is which, yet so vnnaturall and vnmannerly a brother the *Coach* is, that it will giue no way to the *Cart*, but with pride, contempt, bitter curses and execrations, the Coachman wishes all the Carts on fire, or at the diuell, and that Carmen were all hang'd, when they cannot passe at their pleasures, quite forgetting themselues to be sawcy vnprofitable intruders, vpstarts, and Innouators.

When I see a Coach put vp into a house (mee thinks) the pole standing stiffely erected, it looks like the Image of *Priapus*, whom the libidinous and lecherous Whores and Knaues of *Egypt* were wont to fall downe and worship; and I pray you what hinderance hath it but it may vse the *Paphean* or *Priapean* game? for it is neuer ynfurnished of a bed and curtaines, with shop windowes of leather to buckle Bawdry vp as close in the midst of the street, as it were in the Stewes, or a Nunnery of *Venus* Votaries.

What excessiue waste doe they make of our best broad-cloath of all colours? and many times a young heire will put his old Fathers old Coach in a mourning Gowne of Cloth or Cotton, when many of the poore distressed members of Christ, goes naked, staruing with cold, not hauing any thing to hide their wretched carkasses; and what spoyle of our  
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Veluets, Damaskes, Taffataes, Siluer and Gold Lace, with Fringes of all sorts, and how much consumed in guilding, wherein is spent no small quantity of our best and finest gold: nor is the charge little of maintaining a Coach in reparation, for the very mending of the Harnesse, a Knights Coachman brought in a bill to his Master of 25. pounds: besides there is vsed more care & diligence in matching the Horses and Mares, then many fathers and mothers doe in the marriage of their sonnes and daughters: for many times a rich lubberly Clowne, the sonne of some gowty extortioner, or rent-racking Rascal, (for his accursed muckes sake) may bee matched with a beatifull or propper well qualified and nobly descended Gentlewoman, and a well fac'd handsome Esquire or Knights sonne and heire may be ioyn'd with a Ioyners puppet, or the daughter of a Sexton; but for the choyce of your Coach-horses there is another manner of prouidence to be vsed, for they must be al of a colour, longitude, latitude, Cressitude, height, length, thickenesse, breadth, (I muse they doe not weigh them in a paire of Ballance) and being once matched with a great deale of care and cost, if one of them chance to die (as by experience I know a Horse to bee a mortall beast) then is the Coach like a maimed cripple, not able to trauell, till after much diligent search, a meete mate be found whose correspondency may be as equiualent to the suruiuing Palfrey, and in all respects as like as a Broome to a Beefome, Barme to Yeast, or Quodlings to boyld Apples.

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The mischiefes that haue beene done by them are not to be numbred, as breaking of legges and armes, ouerthrowing downe hills, ouer bridges. running ouer children, lame and old people, as *Henrie* the fourth of *France*, (the father to the King that now reigneth) he and his *Queene* were once like to haue beene drowned, the *Coach* ouerthrowing besides a bridge, & to proue that a *Coach* owed him an vnfortunate tricke, he was some few yeares after his first escape, most inhumanely and traiterously murdered in one, by *Raniliacke*, in the streets at *Paris*: but what neede I runne my inuention out of breath into forreigne countreys for examples, when many of the chiefe Nobilitie and Gentry of our owne Nation haue had some triall and sad experience of the truth of what I write? Sometimes the Coachman (it may be hath bin drunk, or to speake more mannerly stolne a Manchet out of the Brewers Basket) hath tumbled besides his Box of state, and the *Coach* running ouer him hath kild him, the whilst the horses (hauing the reines loose) haue runne away with their Rattle at their heeles (like dogges that had bladders of dried Beanes, or empty bottles at their tailes) as if the deuill had beene in them, and sometimes in the full speed of their course a wheele breakes, or the Naue slips off from the Axletree, downe leapes the Coachman, and away runs the horses, throwing their carriage into bushes, hedges, and ditches, neuer leauing their mad pace, till they haue torne to tatters their tumbling Tumbrell, to the manifest perill, danger, and vnreouerable hurt to those whom they carry

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carry, and to all men, women, children and cattrell, as Hogges, Sheepe, or whatsover chanceth to be in their way : besides the great cost & charge of mending and Reparations of the *Coach*.

There is almost nothing, but when it is worne out, it will serue for some vse, either for profit or pleasure (except a *Coach*) of the bottome of an old *Cart*, one may make a fence to stop a gap, of the Raues one may make a Ladder for Hennes to goe to Rooft : of an olde Bores Franke, a new Dogge-kennell may be founded; of a decayed Wherry or Boat, a backe part of a house of office may be framed (as you may see euery where on the Bankside) of an old Barrell, a bolting Hutch, an ouer-worne old Whore will make a spick and span new Bawde; and a rotten Bawde may make a new Witch, I knew a neighbour of mine (an olde Iustice) that of the bald velvet lining of his Cloake, made him a paire of new Breeches, and these Breeches being worne past the best, with the best of them he made his wife a new French Hooode; and when that was bare and past her wearing, it made him facing for his new Boote tops: But an old *Coach* is good for nothing but to coulsen and deceiue people, as of the olde rotten Leather they make Vampies for high Shooes, for honest Country Plow-men, or Belts for Souldiers, or inner lynings for Girdles, Dogge-chollers for Mastiffes, indeede the Box if it were bored therow, would be fittest for a close stoole, and the body would (perhaps) serue for a Sow to pigge in.

If the curses of people that are wrong'd by them might



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might haue preuailed, sure I thinke the most part of them had beene at the deuill many yeres agoe. Butchers cannot passe with their cattell for them, Market folkes which bring prouision of victuals to the Citie, are stop'd, stay'd, and hindred. Carts or Waynes with their necessary ladings are debard and letted: the Milke-maydes ware is often spilt in the dirt, and peoples guts like to be crushed out being crowded and shrowded vp against stalls, & stoopes. whilst Mistres *Siluerpenn* with her Pander, and a paire of errand Pullets ride grinning and deriding in their Hell-Cart at their miseries who goe on foote: I my selfe haue beene so serued when I haue wished them all in the great Breach, or on a light fire vpon *Hounslow* heath, or *Salisbury* plaine: and their damming vp the streets in this manner, where people are wedged together that they can hardly stirre, is a maine and great aduantage to the most vertuous Mysterie of purse-cutring, and for any thing I know the hired or hackney Coachman may ioyne in confederacy and share with the Cut-purse, one to stop vp the way, and the other to shifte in the Crowd.

The superfluous vse of *Coaches* hath been the occasions of many vile and odious crimes, as murther, theft, cheating, hangings, whippings, Pillories, stocks and cages; for house-keeping neuer decayed till *Coaches* came into England, till which time those were accounted the best men who had most followers and retainers; then land about or neere London was thought deepe enough at an noble the Aker and wash along with *Coaches* to enioy a mycearely day.

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yearly, and a ten-pound house-rent now, was scarce twenty shillings then, but the witchcraft of the *Coach* quickly mounted the price of all things (except poore mens labour) and withal transformed (in some places 10. 20. 30. 40. 50. 60. or 100. proper Seruingmen, into two or three Animals (*videlicet*) a Butterfly page, a trotting footman, a stiff-drinking Coachman, a Cooke, a Clarke, a Steward, and a Butler, which hath enforced many a discarded tall fellow (through want of meanes to liue, and grace to guide him in his pouertie) to fall into such mischieuous actions before named, for which I thinke the Gallowfes in England haue deuoured as many lusty valiant men within these 30. or 40. yeares, as would haue beene a sufficient armie to beate the foes of Christ out of Christendome, and marching to *Constantinople*, haue pluck'd the great Turke by the Beard: but as is aforesaid, this is the age wherien *The World Runnes on Wheelles.*

It is a most vneasie kinde of passage in Coaches on the paved streetes in London, wherein men and women are so tost, tumbled, jumbled, rumbled, and crossing of kennels, dunghills, and vneuen-ways, which is enough to put all the guts in their bellies out of ioynt, to make them haue the Palsey or Megrum, or to cast their Gorges with continuall Rocking and Wallowing: to preuent which, there was a gentleman of great note, found fault with his Coach-horses, because his Coach iolted him, commanding his man to sell away those hard trotting Iades, and to buy him a paire of Amblers, that might draw him with



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with more ease: another, when hee saw one of his horses more lusty and free then his fellow, hee commanded his Coachman to feede him onely with bread & water, till he were as tame and quiet as the other, which wise command was dutifully obserued;

The best vse that euer was made of *Coaches* was in the old warres betwixt the *Hungarians* and the *Turkes*, (for like so many land Gallies) they carried souldiers on each side with *Crosbowes*, and other warlike engines, and they serued for good vse being many thousands of them, to disrowte their enemies, breaking their rankes and order, making free and open passage for their horse and foote amongst the scattered squadrons and regiments, & upon occasion they serued as a wall to Embarricado and fortifie their campe: this was a militarie imployment for *Coaches*, and in this sort onely I could wish all our hirelings to be vsed. It is to be supposed that *Pharaohs* Charriots which were drowned in the red sea, were no other things in shape and fashion then our *Coaches* are at this time, and what great pittie was it that the makers and memories of them had not been obliniously swallowed in that *Egyptian* downfall?

*Mountaigne*, a learned and a noble *French* Writer, doth relate in his booke of *Essays*, that the ancient Kings of *Asia*, and the Easterne parts of *Europe*, were wont to be drawne in their *Coaches* with foure Oxen, and that *Mark Anthony* with a Whore with him was drawne with *Lyons*. *Heliogabalus* the Emperour was drawne with foure naked Whores, (himselfe being the Coachman) and the *Coaches* in

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these late times (to shew some sparke of gratitude or thankfulness) in remembrance that naked Whores once drew some of them, they doe in requitall very often carrie Whores halfe naked to the belly, and gallantly appparelled; besides only but foure Whores drew one *Coach*, and 500. *Coaches* hath carried 10000. of them for it; but sometimes they were drawne with Stagges, as it is the vse in *Lapland* at this day. The Emperours *Firmin* was drawne with foure Estridges, and to requite those fauours, they doe now often carrie them as rauenous as Lyons, as well headed as Oxen or Stagges, and as the Estridges did once draw, so the feathers of them doe daily ride in Plumes and Fannies. *but the truth is*  
In the Citie of *Antwerp* in *Brabant* I haue seene little *Coaches*, which men send their children to Schoole in, each of them drawne by a Mastiffe dogge, not hauing any guide: for the dogge himselfe doth exerce three offices at one time, being as the Horse to draw, the Coachman to direct, and an honest labouring dogge besides.  
I remember that in one place aforesaid, I haue written, that *Coaches* doe seldome carrie any dead things, as Stones, Timber, Wine, Beere, Corne, &c. But in so writing I finde that I haue done many of them great wrong, for I perceiue that they carrie oftentimes diuers sorts of Rye, as Knaue-Rye, Foole-Rye, Leache-Rye, Rogue-Rye, Vile-Rye, Bawde-Rye, Braue-Rye, Slaue-Rye, and Begge-Rye. Sometimes (by chaunce) they may hap to carrie good Husband-Rye, and Housewife-Rye, but



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Such burthens are as scarce, as money or charity: and  
nothing more comes into my minde about their  
multitude, for though a Coach doe seeme to be a  
dead or sencelesse thing, yet when I consider  
how they doe multiply and encrease: I am doubt-  
full but that they are male and female, and vse the  
act of generation or begetting, or else their procrea-  
tion could neuer so haue ouer-spread our Nation.

To conclude, a *Coach* may fitly be compared to a  
Whore, for a *Coach* is painted, so is a Whore: a  
*Coach* is common, so is a Whore: a *Coach* is costly,  
so is a Whore; a *Coach* is drawne with beasts, a  
Whore is drawne away with beastly Knaues. A  
*Coach* hath loose Curtaines, a Whore hath a loose  
Gowne, a *Coach* is lac'd and fring'd, so is a Whore:  
A *Coach* may be turn'd any way, so may a Whore:  
A *Coach* hath Bosses, Studs, and gilded nails to  
adorne it: a Whore hath Owches, Brooches, Brace-  
lets, Chaines and Jewels to set her forth: a *Coach* is  
alwaies out of reparations, so is a Whore: a *Coach*  
hath need of mending still, so hath a Whore: a *Coach*  
is vnprofitable, so is a whore: a *Coach* is superfluous,  
so is a Whore: a *Coach* is insatiate, so is a Whore: A  
*Coach* breakes mens neckes: a Whore breakes mens  
backes: This oddes is betwixt a *Coach* and a Whore,  
a man will lend his *Coach* to his friend, so will hee  
not his Whore: but any mans Whore will saue him  
the labour of lending her; for she will lend her selfe  
to whom shee pleaseth. And thus my Booke and  
comparisons end together; for thus much I know,  
that I haue but all this while bark'd at the Moone,  
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throwne feathers against the winde, built vpon the  
Blackmore, and laboured in vaine:  
or enormitie hath pleasure in it,  
profit, and power to defend it,  
may speake, and weakenesse may  
babble of Reformation, though  
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